

**CITY OF SANTA FE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 13, 2020 7:00 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
12002 HWY. 6, SANTA FE, TEXAS**

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m. by Mayor Jason Tabor.

Roll Call: Present: Mayor Jason Tabor
Mayor Pro-tem Bill Pittman
Councilmember Fidencio Leija
Councilmember IV Hoke
Councilmember Jason O'Brien
Councilmember Corey Jannett

The invocation was given by Councilmember Fidencio Leija. The pledge of allegiance to the U. S. Flag and to the Texas Flag was led by Councilmember Fidencio Leija.

Mayor's and City Manager's Report:

a. The minutes of 7/9/20, 7/21/20, 7/23/20, 7/29/20, and 8/3/20 were approved as presented.

Citizens' Comments: None

Planning and Zoning Business: None

City Business (Other):

Old Business: None

New Business:

1. Consideration and possible action: Authorizing staff to solicit Requests for Qualifications (RFQ) for development of a Comprehensive Plan for the City of Santa Fe

City Manager Glen Adams provided a baseline scope of work to Council for review. He said we need a reputable firm with experience in the coastal region, engineering experience in Texas coastal region, and experience draining a community near the coast. Mr. Adams said the first step is to develop the RFQ and then select firms qualified to submit a proposal for development of a comprehensive plan. Councilmember Leija said we need a firm that can determine retail leakage, analyze cell phone data using latest technology, and study the land use. Motion by Councilmember Pittman, seconded by Councilmember O'Brien to authorize staff to solicit Requests for Qualifications (RFQ) for development of a Comprehensive Plan for the City of Santa Fe. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

2. Discussion: Adoption, implementation, and enforcement of International Code Council 2018 Editions of the Fire and Construction Codes

Fire Marshal Tony Dauphine briefed the Council on staff's intent to update the development codes to the 2018 Editions. He said TDI and TDLR have adopted the 2018 Editions across the board and many of the engineers are

already using it. Mr. Dauphine said TDLR recommends adoption of the 2020 electrical code which staff will also be reviewing to make a recommendation for adoption along with the 2018 codes and exceptions to the codes. He said most builders in our city are already using these development regulations, Alvin and League City have adopted the updated codes, and Houston and Texas City are headed to the adoption process.

3. Consideration and possible action: Authorizing Mayor to execute Contract with the Galveston County Health District for water pollution control and abatement services for the fiscal year 2020/21

City Manager Glen Adams said this the annual contract with the health district for water pollution control services to inspect, report, and resolve issues in the city. Motion by Councilmember Leija, seconded by Councilmember Hoke to authorize the Mayor to execute the Contract with Galveston County Health District for water pollution control and abatement services for the fiscal year 2020/21. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

4. Consideration and possible action: Authorizing City Manager to execute Texas Traffic Safety Program Grant Agreement for funding of the 2021 STEP Comprehensive Program for traffic enforcement activities

City Manager Glen Adams said this is a continuation of the STEP grant for traffic enforcement activities. He said the goals and strategies listed in the document align with the city's vision. Police Captain Robert Shores said COVID had our current program shut down but the restrictions to work the program have been lifted by the chief as long as operations are conducted using current COVID precautionary measures. Councilmember Pittman asked about baseline numbers for measuring productivity and enforcement. Motion by Councilmember Hoke, seconded by Councilmember Jannett to authorize the City Manager to execute the Texas Traffic Safety Program Grant Agreement for funding of the 2021 STEP Comprehensive Program for traffic enforcement activities. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

5. Consideration and possible action: Authorizing execution of Scholarship Agreement between College of the Mainland Foundation and the City for the Promise Program

City Manager Glen Adams said Council indicated support for this program during recent budget workshops and said legal counsel has reviewed the agreement and made recommendations for changes to it which COM has accepted. Councilmember Leija said the community supports this program. Motion by Councilmember Leija, seconded by Councilmember O'Brien to authorize execution of the Scholarship Agreement between College of the Mainland Foundation and the City for the Promise Program. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

6. Consideration and possible action: Amending city's mission statement and establishing a vision statement

City Manager Glen Adams said he has reviewed our current mission statement and is recommending changes to the mission as well as development of a vision statement. Councilmember Leija said he wants to solicit input from the community before the Council adopts those statements and incorporates them into the development of a comprehensive plan. Mr. Adams said these statements should be reviewed on a consistent basis for effectiveness. Motion by Councilmember Pittman, seconded by Councilmember Hoke to consider amending the city's mission statement to "The City of Santa Fe is dedicated to its citizens and to make our community a great place to live, work, and raise a family.", to consider establishing a vision statement of "Santa Fe is an inclusive community, where small-town values are still prevalent. A place where the community's business supports the citizens' wants and needs as well as employs most of its residents. A harmonic blend of urban growth with the grass roots of a small Texas town.", and to solicit community input for Council consideration. The motion passed the roll call vote unanimously.

Announcements: The virtual school year began today. City Manager Glen Adams visited with a few local businesses this past month. City Manager Glen Adams reported that TxDOT is responsible for regulating the railroad and the Railroad Commission is responsible for maintaining the railroad and pipeline rights-of-way, so we are working with them to clean and mow the railroad right-of-way.

Summary of action from this agenda, request for future agenda items, and scheduling future meetings

Motion by Councilmember Pittman, seconded by Councilmember Hoke to adjourn. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

JASON TABOR, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Janet L. Davis, City Secretary